

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A latch extender with a quick-release mechanism for a vehicle of the type with a window having a U-shaped hasp that engages with a hasp-locking mechanism on the vehicle when the window is closed. The inventive device is configured to mount between the hasp and the locking mechanism to keep the window in a partially opened condition for ventilation purposes. The device preferably includes a body having first and second ends, the first end of the body including a substitute hasp for engaging with the hasp-locking mechanism on the vehicle, and the second end of the body including an opening for receiving the U-shaped hasp of the window. In contrast to existing devices, the body further includes a quick-release mechanism for engaging the U-shaped hasp of the window, the quick-release mechanism including a manually operated control on the body for releasing the U-shaped hasp of the window. In the preferred embodiment the manually operated control is a spring-biased pushbutton. The substitute hasp is also preferably generally U-shaped, and may be curved or bent to accommodate particular vehicle configurations.